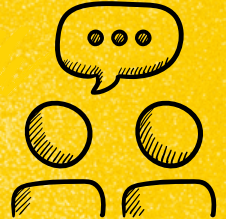




the book of James

Week 6

James 3:1-12



**reminder of
purpose**

The goal of studying Scripture is not simply to gain information, but rather:

- To get to Jesus (Jn 5.39-40)
- To obey it (James 1.22)
- To be transformed (Heb 4.12; 2 Tim 3.16-17)

Key Verse

James 3:10 | From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.



Application Questions

- Think back through your week - when have your words been positive and holy, and when have they been negative and sinful?
- How can you build someone up this week?
- Are there situations where your tongue goes out of control more easily? What can you do to prepare for those moments?

Extra Scripture

Ephesians 4:29

Potential Discussion Questions

- (1) Why is this the case? Do you think this means judged by people or judged by God?
- (3-5) What are the three images the tongue is compared to in these verses? What does each image communicate about the tongue?
- (7-8) You can tame a lion but not a tongue. Why is it so hard to keep your words in check?
- (9) Why is this so bad?
- (9) How would remembering that everyone is "made in the likeness of God" help us to watch how we speak to people?
- (11) What do the images of a spring and a fruit tree teach us about our words?

Life Questions

- Anything we can pray for this week?
- Anyone hurting around you that we can pray for or love this week?